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Kotapailli-Narsapur (57.21 km.)	0.1	Part detailed estimate under scrutiny and land acquisition taken up.
Kakinada-Pithapuram (21.5 km.)	0.1	Requisite clearances awaited.
Macherla-Nalgonda (92 km)	2.00	Final location survey completed.
Munirabad-Mahaboobnagar (246 km.)	5.00	commissioned. On Munirabad-Yermaras, land acquisition taken up. On Krishna-Mehboobnagar (Devarkadra) (64.15 km) section, earthwork, major and minor bridges taken up.
Gadwal-Raichur (58.80 km.)	25.00	On Gadwal end, entire land in Andhra Pradesh from 58.8 to 22.40 km. taken over from Revenue Department except house in Alwalpad village. On Raichurend also, land acquisition has been taken up. Earthwork, bridges, minor bridges, ROB/RUBs and ballast collection taken up.

(d) and (e) The funds could only be enhanced for some of the projects as per the availability of resources. Nandyal-Yerraguntla new line has been targeted for completion during 2008-09. For other, no target has been fixed. The projects would be completed depending upon the * overall availability of resources.

Captive power generation plant 921.

SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the electrified (traction) network of Railways carry 63 per cent of total freight and 48 per cent of passenger traffic;

(b) whether the Railways have been sourcing power for traction from State Electricity Boards and Central generating agencies like NTPC;

(c) whether the Railways have plants to fund and support a captive power generation plant for more assured power supply at lower unit cost; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, , Sir. The electrified network of Indian Railways carried 62.8% of total freight traffic and 49.7% of passenger traffic in 2006-07.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Railways have formed a new company namely "Bhartiya Rail Bijlee Corporation Limited" in joint venture with NTPC for the said purpose. This plant will be of 1000 MW capacity and will be set up in Nabinagar, district Aurangabad in Bihar. The total

estimated cost of the project is Rs. 53 52.50 crore with mega status. The debt to equity ratio of the project will be 70:30. The equity participation will be 74% (Rs. 1186.26 crore) by NTPC and 26% (Rs.417.5 crore) by Railways. It is estimated that this will save Rs. 400 to Rs. 600 crore **per** annum of electricity bill of Railways.

Pending proposals for introduction of new trains

922. SHRI MAHMOODA.MADANI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many proposals for introduction of new trains are pending with his Ministry in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh made certain proposals;

(c) if so, the details of those proposals; and

(d) the criterion for introduction of new trains and on what ground the proposals received from the State of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh are not being accepted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) 5 pairs of new train services announced in Railway Budgets 2005-06 and 2006-07 are pending for introduction.

(b) and (c) Requests for introduction of new train services are received at various levels *viz.* division level, headquarter level and Railway Board level. These requests are received throughout the year and action as feasible and justified is taken.

(d) Introduction of new passenger services depends upon traffic justification, availability of resources and operational feasibility including line capacity and terminal constraints. In the Railway Budget 2008-09, 20 pairs & 6 pairs of new trains serving the States of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan respectively have been announced.

Model stations in Jharkhand

t 923. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to develop certain railway stations of the country as model stations on international level;

(b) if so, whether any station of the Jharkhand State has been included in it;

(c) if so, the names thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has decided to re-develop 24 railway stations in metro and mini metro cities as world class stations.

t Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.